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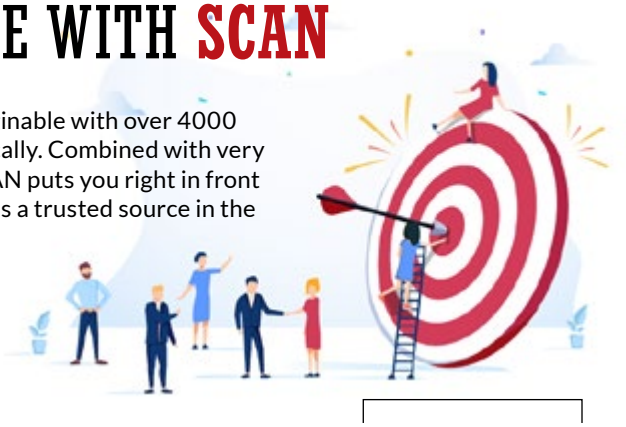

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN

◆ LISTENING EAR - SUPPORT NETWORK FOR SEPARATED AND DIVORCED PEOPLE

The Network is open to persons of any faith and none. Meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 7.30 - 9p.m. in the Resource Centre.

You are welcome to contact **087 364 6067** or email ***listeningear14@gmail.com*** and a supportive compassionate person in the network will respond and together you can discuss how we can be of help to you.

Complete confidentiality is guaranteed and everyone will be warm and friendly.

◆ SVP SHANKILL CONFERENCE

Do you need our help?

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◆ AA MEETINGS SHANKILL

Alcoholics Anonymous hosts meetings in Crinken Church Parish Hall every Monday at 8.30 p.m. and in St. Anne's Community Centre (beside St. Anne's Church) every Sunday at 8.30 pm. Doors open around 8.15 pm.

A welcome awaits you.

◆ BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St. Anne's Resource Centre, Shankill.

If you are grieving the loss of someone special or have had a loss of any kind and would like to talk to someone, Bethany Bereavement offer free support to adults, with sympathy and compassion in confidence.

We have a drop-in service on the first Friday of each month at 10.30 am or if you prefer, we can meet with you in person. Just call the **01 282 2704** to arrange.

◆ BOOK SALE - SHANKILL SENIORS CENTRE

The next book sale will be held on Saturday 5th September and the following one on Saturday October 3rd.

Venue: Shankill Seniors Centre, Lower Road, Shankill D18 HW95
Time: 10am-1pm.

Donations of books in good condition are welcome on the day of sale. Due to major storage issues these are limited to one small bag per person. Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.

All proceeds go to support the Centre's programmes and services.

◆ SHANKILL CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Shankill Seniors Centre (SOFA), Lower Road, Shankill. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September and the following meeting will be on October 14th. Venue: Shankill Day Care Centre, Lower Road, Shankill. Time 7.45 p.m. Come along and enjoy some lovely music and a cuppa and chat.

◆ 2026 HSE ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

- 2nd September: **Compliments and Complaints in Healthcare** by *Ann Roche, Compliments and Complaints Service Feedback Manager*
- 7th October: **Connecting Clients with Local Community Based Activities** by *Lisa Sieger, Southside Partnership, Social Prescribing and Wellbeing Project Leader*
- 4th November: **Understanding the Fair Deal Process** by *Nursing Department, Shankill Health Centre*
- 2nd December: **Getting Younger with Exercise** by *Physiotherapy Department, Shankill Health Centre*

Time: 12:00 to 13:00
Location: Shankill Health Centre, Group Room, Lower Road, Shankill

◆ MARIA'S BEE GARDEN

I'm José and I am a local resident in Shankill. I have lived here for several years, and I receive the SCAN newsletter at my home. My late wife, Maria McSweeney who was originally from Macroom, Cork, lived here with me in Shankill. She passed away last winter from cancer. She was 49 years old, a young woman, a talented professional and executive, very loved by her friends and colleagues, and a wonderful wife. After she passed away, her ashes were placed in her family plot.. Because of the distance, it is not possible for me to visit her resting place every week.

For that reason, I created a small "Maria's Bee Garden" at home, with lavender, flowers, and bees. The idea came from something very personal. When Maria was working from home, she loved looking out the window and watching the bees come to the lavender during the summer. Every year, those bees brought her joy.

When I saw the bees returning to the lavender this spring and summer, they immediately reminded me of her. That is why I decided to create a small separate lavender planter in her memory, close to the other lavender plants, as a peaceful living memorial near home.

This is a gentle community reflection about another way of remembering loved ones who are no longer with us, especially when the cemetery or family plot is far away or difficult to visit regularly. Other people in the community may also find comfort in creating a small garden, planter, flower pot, or quiet corner at home as a place of remembrance.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

◆ APPALLING TRAFFIC THROUGH SHANKILL

A local resident Pat Igoe has sent an Open Letter to Mr. Frank Curran, CEO of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, a summary of which is below.

"As a resident of the beautiful village of Shankill, I feel a need, as a last resort, to ask for your help in a significant and long-lasting problem here. Road traffic through Shankill is increasing, it is potentially dangerous and bordering on exasperating. And it's getting worse.

For more than two years, at the behest of local people, Councillors in the area have been pleading with the traffic and road safety department to have a badly-needed pedestrian crossing erected north of Quinn's Road roundabout and adjacent to Cherrington, with no success.

Thousands of vehicles, travelling in both directions, are driven through Shankill every week, leaving nothing behind except fumes and frustration. With new large-scale apartment developments south of the village, both built and coming on-stream, trying to cross the street in Shankill is becoming even more of an adventure and a dangerous one.

The sole pedestrian lights, erected in the middle of the village are utterly inadequate to the needs of all residents of our village. No amount of technical materials culled from a file there can credibly contradict the daily reality.

Bizarrely, funding has been found for traffic lights at the bottom of Quinns Road and on Corbawn Lane, both deserving no doubt, but where the traffic can only be described as a tiny fraction of the thousands of cars passing weekly through Shankill. It does seem that we are being both somewhat ignored and neglected by the traffic and road safety department. It is beyond argument that a pedestrian crossing is urgently needed on the village side of the junction with Quinns Road.

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◆ KILLINEY SHANKILL HOCKEY CLUB (KSHC)

Leinster Hockey is delighted to welcome a new club to the region, as Killiney Shankill Hockey Club (KSHC) is formed and opens its doors to members for the first time — filling a gap in hockey provision along Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown's southeast coast.

Based in Shankill, KSHC is South Dublin's newest hockey club, set up to bring the game to families across the Killiney, Shankill, Cherrywood and North Bray area. The club begins training this September for boys and girls in 1st to 6th class, with plans to grow into secondary-school teams as it establishes itself.

New members are welcome now. Families can register their interest through the club's website at killineyshankillhc.com/join-us, and the club will be in touch to confirm a place and complete registration.

For more information, visit ***killineyshankillhc.com*** or follow the club on Instagram at ***killineyshankillhc***.

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NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Government of Ireland - The Government is the group of senior ministers responsible for the executive power of the State. This means that the Government is responsible for giving effect to laws. **Executive power** includes the power to execute or carry out laws with the assistance of the civil service, police force and military. The head of Government is the Taoiseach. After a general election, the Dáil (the Irish parliament) elects the Taoiseach. Normally the Taoiseach is the leader of the largest party in the Dail, who is nominated by the Dáil. The Taoiseach nominates a deputy (the Tánaiste) and a cabinet of ministers to take responsibility for the departments of government. The Government decides major questions of policy and carries out a number of different and important functions.

Ministers and government departments – Article 28 of Bunracht na hEireann (the Irish Constitution) sets out the composition of Government. The Constitution states that the Government must not be smaller than 7 members or larger than 15 members. There are currently 18 Departments of State. Information about each Department can be obtained from their websites.

- Civil Service - The civil service in Ireland are the public officials who advise and assist Government Ministers in running their departments. The civil service has three main functions:
- It advises the Government on the implementation of policy and is responsible for implementing agreed policy
- It helps prepare and draft new legislation and
- It helps the Government to run the country according to the legislation passed by the Oireachtas.

Attorney General - The Attorney General is the legal adviser to the Irish Government. The Taoiseach also appoints an Attorney General to advise the Government on legal issues. The Attorney General is not a member of the Government but they traditionally attend Cabinet meetings.

LOCAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT

Local authorities provide a range of public services in your area Ireland has 31 local authorities that are responsible for a range of local services, including:

- Housing; Roads; Recreation and amenities; Planning; Libraries; Environmental protection; Fire services; Register of electors

Most (26) local authorities are county councils. There are also 3 city councils (Dublin, Galway and Cork) and 2 councils that oversee a city and a county (Limerick and Waterford). Voters elect councillors to represent them at local level. Ireland currently has 949 elected councillors. They make policy decisions at council meetings. Local councils are managed by a chief executive who oversees the day-to-day running of the council. Local authorities are recognised in Article 28A of the Constitution of Ireland, which guarantees that local elections are held at least every 5 years. The chief executive makes decisions on the running of the local authority, except those that are reserved decisions (decisions that are made by the elected councillors). These include:

- Granting or refusing planning permission; Allocating local authority housing; Signing contracts; Managing the staff of the local authority; The day to day running of the local authority

Regional assemblies make decisions about strategic planning, EU funding and they help co-ordinate the work of local authorities. Ireland has 3 regional assemblies. Each assembly has members who are elected by the local authorities in the region. The 3 regions are:

- Northern and Western region
- Eastern and Midlands region
- Southern region

The aim of the assemblies is to co-ordinate, promote and support strategic planning and sustainable development and make local government and public services more effective.

Strategic planning means planning the direction or goals for the region, and making decisions on how to use funding and resources. Regional assemblies make it easier for local authorities to work together to benefit the region.

(Source: www.citizensinformation.ie) The information above is a summary only – full details can be obtained from the HSE Website.

The Citizens Information HELPLINE is: 0761 07 4000 - OR - Call in to the Citizens Information Centre at Marina House, Clarence Street, Dun Laoghaire at any time between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. No appointment necessary. Clarence Street is the turning to the right at the traffic lights at the junction of Lower Georges Street, Cumberland Street and York Road, Dun Laoghaire. Citizens Information offers a Free, Confidential and Impartial Service to the citizens of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown on a very wide range of useful issues. OR Phone Dun Laoghaire CIC at: 0761 07 7400.

Bethany
Bereavement Support

FORGIVENESS IN GRIEF

Grieving is a journey of admitting and experiencing the pain of our loss whether from estrangement or emotional hurt. When we grieve, we often have mixed emotions like confusion, sadness, anger, and even resentment. These feelings can become even more tangled when the person you're mourning has caused you pain. Anger is a natural part of grief. We may feel abandoned or hurt by unspoken words or unresolved issues. Guilt often arises because we replay past actions or inactions, wondering if we could have done more or acted differently.

After the loss of a loved one, some people may wish that they could have done things differently, which leaves them with intense feelings of guilt. They may reflect on past moments where they wished they could have handled a situation in a different way. This guilt can be suffocating while dealing with many other feelings of grief. One of the biggest challenges in experiencing guilt in relation to grief is that people tend to over-think about the things they did, or did not do, or feel they were not able to apologize for something that was said, or not said. They may feel they did not do enough for their loved one. They may even mistakenly believe these acts contributed to the loss. These feelings can be present regardless of the nature of the loss, and can occur with any loved one, including the death of a partner, sibling, parent, child or pet. Sometimes our expectations of what we could have done may be unrealistic. Knowing the difference between guilt, which is a feeling of having done something wrong, and shame, which is a feeling of being a bad person is so important for self-forgiveness.

When grieving, tensions may arise between family members and friends. Families will all grieve differently so each individual may have a style of grieving which some family members may not understand and so may cause conflict with others. Sometimes past conflicts, or disagreements about funeral arrangements can cause resentment. When we hold onto grudges during such a vulnerable time it separates us further from people. Choosing forgiveness will help us to understand. It doesn't mean you have to agree with everyone, but it allows space for compassion, which can strengthen relationships rather than break them. Forgiveness isn't instant—it takes time. And when grief is fresh, the idea of forgiveness might feel impossible. That's okay, as I said healing takes time.

Forgiving ourselves means accepting that we are human and it also frees us to move forward and find peace in the present and our future. We need to be gentle with ourselves and know we did the best we could with the knowledge we had at the time. No amount of self-blame changes the past, but in time forgiveness allows us to move forward without feeling shame or guilt. Forgiveness is a decision to let go of anger or resentment firstly for yourself or maybe someone else so that you can heal yourself emotionally. Forgiveness is not about letting anyone off the hook, it is about allowing yourself a life free from the burden of guilt or anger. While grieving we need to take care of ourselves by eating well, rest when we can and do some light exercise. Forgiveness is a way of taking care of ourselves too, showing ourselves some compassion and understanding. Forgiveness is a gift to ourselves.

If you are finding it hard to cope with grief, Bethany Bereavement Support is available and trained to listen with empathy and compassion. **Please contact St. Anne's Resource Centre 01 2888704 for information.**

***Ann Hunt**, Bethany Bereavement Support*

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Shankill TidyTowns Restructure for the Future

Over recent months, Shankill TidyTowns held several meetings to consider its future, with specific focus on its structure.

The proposed structure will see 4 separate groups:

- **Administration**: Overall coordination, grant applications, finance and competition entries.
- **Operations**: Facilitation of ongoing activities by work groups and individual volunteers.
- **Community**: Fostering links within Shankill, such as businesses, residents, churches, schools, sports clubs, youth groups, etc. A meeting is scheduled for the Resource Centre on Thursday 10th September.
- **Green**: Focusing on the key areas of Planting, Landscaping, Sustainability, Biodiversity and Nature, including liaison with SAGE, gardening and environmental groups. The group has already initiated a project encouraging the use of reuseable coffee cups.

Shankill TidyTowns Meeting 8pm Thursday 10th September St Anne's Resource Centre

Shankill TidyTowns invite all local community groups and interested parties to share ideas on ensuring that Shankill becomes an even better place to live, work and play.

Working Together to Keep Shankill Beautiful

Businesses, Schools, Churches, Sports & Activity Clubs, Youth Groups, Residents Associations & groups active in Shankill most welcome.

The meeting is to discuss ideas for Shankill as a community and not issues in specific areas.

Shankill TidyTowns Coffee Cup Project

550,000 single use coffee cups are used in Ireland each day

Shankill TidyTowns is promoting the use of reuseable coffee to reduce litter and to support sustainability.

We are encouraging coffee shops throughout Shankill to offer a discounted price to customers who bring their own cups.

We also propose to source Shankill TidyTowns branded reuseable cups for sale to local consumers at affordable prices.

Shankill TidyTowns working for Shankill

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HAIKU

Susan Flynn

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bailíonn francach síolta
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Gluais: *rím / rhyme, siolla / syllable, fíorbheagán focal / cúpla focal, séasúr an bhualta / the threshing season, fómhar / harvest, inite / edible, na gais, na blaoscanna agus an cháithne / stalks, husks, and chaff, dian-oibre / labour-intensive, cinntigh / to ensure.*

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There was brilliant football, fantastic goals, superb saves, dramatic finishes, extra time, penalty shoot outs and plenty of thrills and spills. Most importantly, the children had great fun, enjoyed being part of their teams, made new friends and created memories that will last a lifetime.

This year also marked a very special milestone with the introduction of our first-ever dedicated girls-only section. It was a huge success and an important step forward in the continued growth of girls' football at Shankill FC.

Trophies were proudly lifted, medals were worn with huge smiles and every child who took part was a winner. Each player helped make the tournament the incredible success it was.

A huge thank-you to our committee members and volunteers, who gave countless hours to planning, organising and running the event. We also sincerely thank all our coaches, managers, referees and sponsors, whose support and commitment helped make the tournament possible.

Thank you as well to every parent, family member and supporter who brought such a positive atmosphere to Shanganagh Park throughout the two weeks.

Most of all, thank you to the 700-plus boys and girls who made the Shankill FC Champions League 2026 so special.

Our biggest tournament yet. Thousands of memories made. One incredible football community.

We are already looking forward to the Shankill FC Champions League 2027!

Well done to all our players, and we look forward to another great year ahead.

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SHANKILL BOWLING CLUB

by Jack Byrne, P.R.O

It has been such a glorious summer right across this wonderful wee Island of ours and I think our population as a whole would agree it seems to be one for the record books. On the bowling rinks wearing "shorts" was the order of the day for all those enthusiastic bowlers young and not so young. Shankill Bowling Club had three leagues being contested in any one week, two on Thursday and one on Saturday. With organised practice sessions twice a week through the season, our rinks were quite busy throughout those summer months.

A fantastic club Captain's day was the highlight of the season taking place on a beautiful July Sunday with an excellent attendance of members sitting down to an equally excellent meal, cooked by Vice President Martin Gray, following an eagerly contested competition roll-up by the members. Worthy winners on the day were Vincent Brady, Jack Byrne, Richard Byrne, Colin Shepherd, over fourteen ends of competition overall. Our recently recruited members enjoyed it and were even noticed producing some very encouraging bowling throughout. The membership was full of praise for the social committee who organized such a wonderful carnival atmosphere on the day in question, and especially for the hard work which goes into the preparation for such an event.

The club Finals day is fast approaching and is scheduled to take place in early September. The Bowling committee was extremely happy at the interest shown in all competitions especially from the influx of new members which speaks well for the future of Shankill Bowling Club. So the very best of luck to all who await their day to finally compete for a particular Club honour. The results will be in the October SCAN issue. The club recognizes the wonderful job member Anne Martin does in organising the weekly team practice sessions, as well as the tireless coaching sessions by member Eric Furey. Both activities are certainly showing great improvements in the preparation of teams for competition which strengthens Shankill Bowling Club as a whole.

Our Indoor shortmat bowling section are preparing for their entry into the East Coast League evening campaign where they are determined to improve on the fourth place finish last season. They would be happy to have more bowlers to take up this skilful game. It's a wonderful way to keep active in Autumn/Winter. Drop along on Mondays and Thursdays where Captain Irene or any of her shortmat bowlers will welcome you into the fold.

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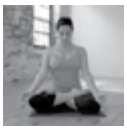

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Once again, the summer camp was full to capacity with children from our village. The weather was fantastic which allowed for all the outdoor games and fun to go ahead as planned. With such a large number of children in attendance the young adults from our club were brilliant in supporting the senior coaches for the entire week. Also, we were delighted to have Dublin Senior Footballer Theo Clancy with us to coach some skills and give playing tips. Unfortunately, we were only able to hold one camp this year as there were no suitable facilities available to us. Apologies to anyone who was disappointed we hope to remedy the situation next year. A big thank you to our sponsor McCartan's Pharmacy Shankill without their support the summer camps would not happen.

An Amazing Young Lady
Congratulations to Kate who for the second year won the Community Games long Puc title. Yes, folks that's back-to-back wins. Fantastic well-done Kate.

Shankill 2018 Girls
The coaches and parents took advantage of a rare Sunday morning off with a bit of bonding and a climb up the Sugarloaf. A lovely morning's adventure. Girls will be girls.

Southern Gaels / Shankill
Who are Southern Gaels you might ask? Well we have come to an arrangement to cooperate with our neighbours Geraldine P Moran's Cornelscourt and Stars of Erin Glencullen. The reason for this coming together is the same problem facing every sport, the amount of young boys and girls dropping out of playing. The reasons are many and varied, burnout, boy meets girl, new sport, travel or even the choice of second level school or college. With this arrangement we estimate each club can save 9 to 10 boys and girls from each grade from becoming lost to Camogie, Hurling and Football and who will continue on playing until they reach adult senior level with their clubs. Finally pictured above is the under 16 Shankill/Ger Moran's team that enjoyed a wonderful season winning the Division 5 Dublin Hurling League.Congratulations boys on bringing home a nice piece of silverware.

Pat Killalea
All at our club were very sad to learn of the passing of Pat during the summer who was a great friend of Shankill GAA. Pat and his wife Mary could be found on most Saturday mornings in Stonebridge Road as they encouraged their grandchildren in the playing of our games. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Molly
Brilliant to have Molly on the Dublin Development Camogie under 14 team, who travelled to Youghal in Cork for a series of games. Molly had a great day and gave a wonderful account of herself. Dad John of Shankill GAA Club was the head coach on the day and like all fathers picked the team on merit alone. Well yes.

Academy
The juvenile Academy is back in action at 10.00am every Saturday in Rathmichael School. We welcome both boys and girls born in 2021 & 2022 who would like to join our growing club and begin their GAA journey in a fun, friendly and safe environment. All equipment is provided and the first four weeks are free as the children have fun and make new friends. For more information call our GPO, Steve 087 6414123 or simply call in and say hello any Saturday morning.

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Work out what you will need: Think about the retirement you want rather than simply focusing on the size of your pension fund. Consider your expected household expenses, mortgage or other debts, travel, hobbies and any large costs you anticipate. Then look at what income you are likely to receive from your private or occupational pension and the State Pension.

Review your contributions: Five years can make a difference, particularly if you are in a position to increase your pension contributions. In Ireland, tax relief is available on qualifying personal pension contributions, subject to limits based on age and earnings. For people aged 60 or over, the age-related limit is currently 40% of relevant earnings, with earnings capped at €115,000 for this calculation. This does not mean everyone should contribute the maximum. Your circumstances are different, so consider what is affordable and whether increasing contributions makes sense for you.

Check your investment risk: As retirement approaches, it is worth reviewing how your pension is invested. If markets fall sharply just before you retire, a large exposure to higher-risk investments could affect the value of your fund. On the other hand, moving everything into very low-risk investments too early could reduce your potential for growth. The right balance depends on your circumstances, how long your pension needs to last and when you expect to draw on it.

Plan the final five years: Review your pension annually, clear expensive debts where possible, check your State Pension position and understand your options for taking your pension benefits. Most importantly, don't leave the decisions until your final few months at work. A little planning now can give you greater choice and, perhaps most importantly, greater confidence when retirement arrives.

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SHANKILL SENIORS CENTRE

A MONTH OF COMMUNITY, PROGRESS AND LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

It has been another busy and exciting month at Shankill Seniors Centre, with important developments at the Centre and across our wider community. From planning for the future of our services to supporting community initiatives and creating new opportunities for our members, the past month has reflected what Shankill Seniors Centre stands for: ***community, connection, care and improving the lives of older people.***

AN EXCITING NEW CHAPTER

A major development this month has been the beginning of an exciting new chapter for the future of Shankill Seniors Centre. We were delighted to welcome Ciara, Ciara and Harry from M-CO, a multidisciplinary strategic design and project management consultancy, as we begin developing our plans for the future.

With support from ***Dublin Rural Leader***, we are progressing a preliminary business case for an exciting new project exploring how we can enhance our existing services and develop an enhanced day care service for our elderly community. This important first step will help us respond to the changing needs of older people and ensure that Shankill Seniors Centre remains a welcoming, supportive and vibrant place for many years to come.

We are extremely grateful to Dublin Rural Leader for funding this preliminary work. We would also like to recognise our Volunteer Service Expansion Committee, whose dedication, guidance and commitment have been invaluable and will help steer the project as it develops.

HELP US BUILD OUR FUTURE

Achieving our vision will require the support of our wider community, and we are now in the process of establishing a ***Fundraising Committee*** to support the next stages of the project. We are calling on local residents, businesses and individuals with fundraising experience, professional expertise, ideas or time to consider getting involved. Our community has a wealth of knowledge, skills and goodwill, and we would love to harness these to help bring our vision to life.

This project is an opportunity to create a lasting positive impact for older people and the wider Shankill community. We look forward to working with our members, families, volunteers, staff and local community to shape an exciting future for the Centre.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY HEROES

Our commitment to the community extends beyond the Centre. On ***Tuesday, 21 July***, our staff and volunteer team were honoured to support an extraordinary community effort in Bray. We provided hot, freshly prepared homemade lunches and desserts for the incredible volunteers involved with ***DIY SOS: The Big Build Ireland***, who had come together to transform the home of ***Hannah Leonard*** following a life-changing accident. The DIY SOS team, alongside an army of volunteers and community supporters, gave their time, energy and skills to make Hannah's home safer, more accessible and better suited to her needs.

We were incredibly proud to play a small part in such a remarkable effort. Seeing so many people come together to support Hannah and her family was a wonderful reminder of the strength, kindness and generosity within our communities. We send our very best wishes to Hannah and her family and hope she continues to make a strong and speedy recovery. To all the DIY SOS volunteers and community heroes who worked tirelessly on the project – ***thank you, and we hope you enjoyed your lunch!***

LOOKING AHEAD

The past month has reminded us of what can be achieved when people come together. From planning for the future of our services and building a fundraising team, to supporting community initiatives and creating new opportunities for our members, Shankill Seniors Centre continues to grow while remaining firmly rooted in the community it has served for so many years.

There is an exciting journey ahead, and we look forward to working with our members, families, volunteers, staff, local organisations, businesses and the wider community to build an even stronger future for Shankill Seniors Centre.

If you would like more information about volunteering with Shankill Seniors Centre, please get in touch:

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Together, we can create something truly special for the older people of Shankill and the surrounding community.

Saff and volunteers attending the DIYSOS in Bray

Service expansion committee with M-CO

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HISTORY: LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES

by James Scannell

THE OLD DUBLIN SOCIETY
Dr. Mary Muldowney will present *'The Port of Dublin, 1791 – 2000'* on Wednesday September 9th; Helen Farrell the *'The Hidden Medieval Landspace of Esker, Lucan'* on Wednesday September 23rd, and Peter Walsh *'The 'Emergency' in the Tenters – Shortages, Air Raid Shelters and the Small Shop'* on Wednesday September 30th. All take place at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of Dublin City Library & Archive, 139-144 Pearse Street, Dublin 2. All are welcome – admission is free and no booking is required. Copies of the 2025 issue of the Dublin Historical Record will be on sale at the lectures, price €10.

FOXROCK LOCAL HISTORY CLUB
Peadar McGing will recall *'The Seapoint Tragedy'* at 8 p.m. on Tuesday September 15th in Foxrock Parish Pastoral Centre, Foxrock, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5.

DUN LAOGHAIRE BOROUGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Arnold Horner will present *'The Early Years of Dun Laoghaire Harbour'* at 8 p.m. on Wednesday September 16th in the Royal Marine Hotel, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All are welcome - admission is €5. Free hotel parking is available for those attending this lecture.

IRISH RAILWAY RECORD SOCIETY
IRRS President Dick Fearn will recall *'50 Years of Railway Life in Britain and Ireland'* at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday September 17th in the Society's Dublin Hueston Station premises. Strictly members and a guest only.

Dr. Cormac Moore will present *'The Root of All Evil: The Boundary Commission'* at 8 p.m. on Thursday September 17th in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray, Co. Wicklow. All are welcome – admission for non-members is €8.

CLONDALKIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Eithyne Hogan will present *'Echoes of Bluebell History'* at 8 p.m. on Monday September 28th in Áras Chrónáin – Irish Cultural Centre, Watery Lane, Clondalkin, Co. Dublin. All are welcome – admission is €5.

SHANKILL – LOOKING BACK

SHANKILL DISTRICT COURT

At the Tuesday August 4th 1926 sitting before District Justice Reddin, a Dublin charabanc (an open body car which could take 20/25 people) owner was summoned for driving his vehicle at Cabinteely without a headlight and for failing to stop when ordered to do so. The defendant said that his lights had fused during a thunder storm and, unable to get help along the road, he had to drive home in the dark. He was fined 2s.6d. for each offence. A number of other defendants were fined 2s.6d. each for having no rear lights. [The Lighting on Vehicles Act, 1907, specified what lights had to be displayed on a vehicle and where they had to be located, and the hours when they had be used]

PUBLICATIONS

'The Dublin Historical Record – 2025', Editor Thomas Burke published by The Old Dublin Society.

Copies, €10, are available at meetings of the Old Dublin Society or can be ordered by post, price €15 from olddublinsociety@gmail.com.

RATHMICHAEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by Richard Ryan

This year's extensive outings programme continued with a guided visit to the wonderful Royal Irish Academy in Dawson Street on 22nd July and a fascinating exploration of Dean Swift's Dublin on a walk led by Brendan Twomey on 26th July.

The month of August featured our annual Summer Lecture Series which celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The programme focussed on the history, archaeology and mapping of the North-West of Ireland. This links in with next year's away weekend which will be in the vibrant city of Derry.

The outings programme finishes up in September with a guided visit to the Chapterhouse of St. Mary's Abbey and a guided visit to Trim Castle followed by a walk around Newtowntrim led by Con Manning.

The winter/spring lecture programme will be as follows:

- Wednesday, 7th October: *Origin of the O'Neill and O'Donnell Dynasties* by Brian Lacey
- Wednesday, 4th November: *History of Howth Castle* by Rob Goodbody
- Wednesday, 2nd December: *Wood Quay* by Pat Wallace
- Wednesday, 6th January: *History of Kilternan Parish* by Rob Goodbody
- Wednesday, 3rd February: *AGM followed by Avoca Handweavers: a History of the Founders, the Wynne Sisters* by Allan O'Neill
- Wednesday, 3rd March: To be arranged
- Wednesday, 7th April: *Georgian Gothic* by Judith Hill

All lectures will be at 8pm in Rathmichael School, Stonebridge Road, Shankill, Co.Dublin. Wheelchair accessible. Admittance for non-members €5. Also available on Zoom.

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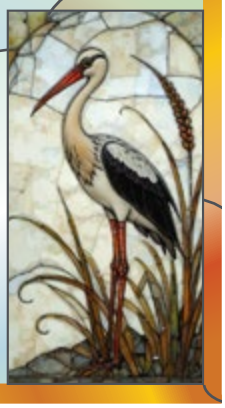

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SHANKILL MEN'S SHED *(SEID NA BHFEAR SEANCILLE)*

by Mick Lernihan (Secretary)

Well, July and August were busy times for Seid na bhFear in Shankill with the launch of the restoration project to cut back the overgrown vegetation surrounding the graveyard at the back of St. Columcille's Hospital which is adjacent to the Men's Shed. The project is being undertaken in conjunction with the Facilities Manager, Emmet of the HSE and on the advice of local historian Billy Byrne.

Billy has proven to be a 'mine' of information concerning the graveyard and the wider Rathdown Union Workhouse which predates the Hospital right back to the 1840's. The Graveyard was utilised from 'An Gorta Mór' (Famine) times right up to the 1980's and also contains an 'Angel's Section' of loved infants who have passed away in St. Columcilles. Shankill Men's Shed have sought the advice and guidance of both Billy and Emmet in their work and are very sensitive to the families whose loved ones are among the circa 1,800 persons interred in this area. Shankill Men's Shed meets on most Monday mornings for a cuppa and a chat at 11.00am. We discuss projects and events (as well as an in depth look at Fermanagh GAA and their potential to lift 'Sam' in 2027!). Anyone interested in joining should contact shankillmensshed8@gmail.com and we will contact you.

So, for this edition of the wonderful SCAN, we leave you with a photograph of the progress on the 'Graveyard Project' and the construction of a raised flowerbed.

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CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

by Marie Jose Gonzalez

CLIMATE AMBASSADORS VISIT SHANKILL TREE TRAIL

A group of Climate Ambassadors from An Taisce recently enjoyed a guided walk along the Shankill Tree Trail as part of the programme of events organized by the Climate Ambassador Network.

The walk was led by Maria-Jose Gonzalez, also a Climate Ambassador and coordinator of the Shankill Tree Trail initiative. This project was developed in collaboration with Shankill Tidy Towns and SAGE (Shankill Action for a Green Earth) and co-funded by Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council.

Participants discovered the remarkable variety and history of trees along the trail, while also learning about the important role trees play in supporting biodiversity and helping to mitigate climate change. Among the highlights and firm favourites were the beautiful hawthorn trees at Shankill DART Station, the impressive Monterey Cypress at Clontra House and the Giant Sequoia in Dorney Court Wood.

The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect with nature, share knowledge, and reflect on the importance of protecting and enhancing our local environment.

An Taisce's Climate Ambassador Programme is Ireland's first national initiative dedicated to training and supporting individuals taking action on climate change. If you are interested in sustainability, environmental awareness, or climate-action community-based activities An Taisce's Climate Ambassadors programme offers the ideal platform to get involved. For more information about the programme go to ***https://www.climateambassador.ie***

SHANKILL LIBRARY

by DLR CoCo

TEMPORARY PREMISES

Shankill Library is operating from temporary premises in the Stonebridge Community Facility, Stonebridge Grove, Shankill D18 FH04 every Monday to Thursday from 10am-4pm.

As well as facilitating the borrowing of books, we offer a paid printing service, plus a number of activities including:

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SCHOOL NEWS: RATHMICHAEL NS

We had an energetic end to the school year with our Active Week, Sports Day, school trips and PTA organised events. Everyone was excited about the Summer holidays.

In June, Niall de Burca, Storyteller, came into school and gave a hugely entertaining workshop for the children which kept everyone enthralled.

Our 4th Class pupils produced an amazing book based on their Heroes – they each wrote about and drew a picture of a famous person that they admired and this was published in book form. Well done to Ms Hade and all the children.

As always our Active Week was full of energy and fun. There were a whole range of activities – Running, Baseball, Gymnastics, Cricket, Boules, Circuits and an Obstacle Course. Everyone really enjoyed getting involved. Thanks to 6th Class pupils for helping get the school going in the mornings with exercises. We also had our annual parents versus 6th Class hockey match, with 6th Class taking the honours.

Our Sports' Day was a great success. It was fantastic to be able to have all the parents, grandparents and past pupils with us for the day. Thanks to the parents/past pupils who helped on the day and especially to the PTA and their band of volunteers who provided food and refreshments throughout the event. Well done to all the pupils who took part and congratulations to all the winners. The throwing events have been a great addition - focusing on teamwork, enabling the children to earn points for their colour team and were very well received, bringing a different perspective to the day.

My thanks to Mrs Crammond, Rev. Hanily and 6th Class for an excellent farewell event in Rathmichael Church – Slán Rang a Sé. It was wonderful to see how the children have grown up and matured. They have left the school with amazing memories of their time in Rathmichael. Thanks to those parents who helped out serving refreshments on the night.

We had a lovely end of term Assembly on the last day of term at which cups were presented to pupils in 6th Class to celebrate achievements in Sport and the Arts, commitment to the Environment and to recognise those pupils who particularly embody our school values – well done to them all.

Summer Term is never complete without our School Tours and this year was no exception. Classes went to Carlingford Adventure Centre, to Alive Outside, to Dublinia and Viking Splash, Butlers Chocolate Factory/Croke Park and to Glenroe Farm. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I am very grateful to staff and parents who accompanied them on these trips.

Our PTA was also very active during June, as, besides being involved in the 200th Anniversary celebrations and Sports Day, they also hosted our Summer Dance for pupils in our more senior classes.

The Football team played its last match of the season, a friendly, against Scoil San Treasa, which ended as a draw. Many thanks to Coach Eoin for all his work with the team throughout the year and to all the football squad for supporting each other and for playing their hearts out in every game.

I wish all our 6th Class pupils the very best in their move to Secondary school. I am sure they will be back to visit us, particularly on the day of the Parish Fete, on 5th September – a date for all our diaries!

Naomi Rousseau *(Principal)*

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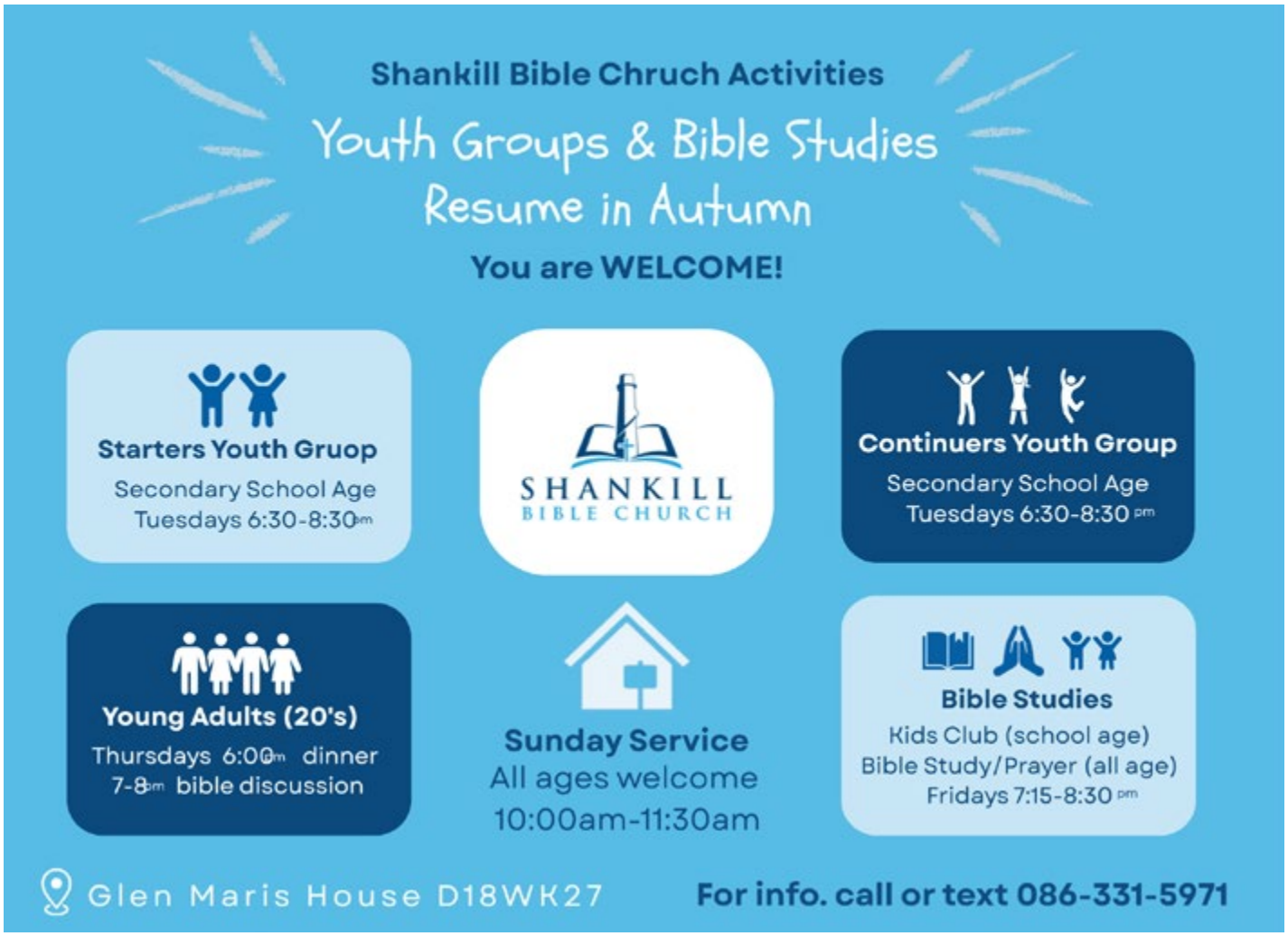


UPDATE FROM: CORMAC DEVLIN, TD

Cormac Devlin TD & David Andrews LK

I hope you are all keeping well. Sadly over the summer we lost David Andrews. David dedicated a lifetime to public service. He represented Dún Laoghaire constituency for 37 years from 1965 to 2002, serving as Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Defence and Minister for the Marine.

As Foreign Affairs Minister he played a central part in the negotiations that led to the Good Friday Agreement in 1998, a contribution to peace on the island that will not be forgotten. He was also a tireless advocate for justice, campaigning for the Guildford Four, the Birmingham Six and Brian Keenan. David will be missed by his family, friends, and many constituents who got to know him over his long career in public life. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

It was lovely to meet so many people around Shankill enjoying fantastic weather while I was out dropping my summer newsletter in July and August. Dáil sittings resume on Wednesday 16th September but I'm available to assist with any issue you or your family might need advice or assistance with, so please get in touch.

Preparations for Budget 2027 are being finalised. Thank you to everyone who was in touch with feedback. I have raised it with ministers highlighting the feedback.

It is important the Government delivers a decent tax package for workers and protects those most exposed to rising costs. Tax bands were not adjusted last year and that must be rectified, with further progress on the USC.

Social protection must keep pace with inflation, with particular emphasis on the fuel allowance. A general energy credit will be needed if prices continue to remain high as looks likely given the international situation.

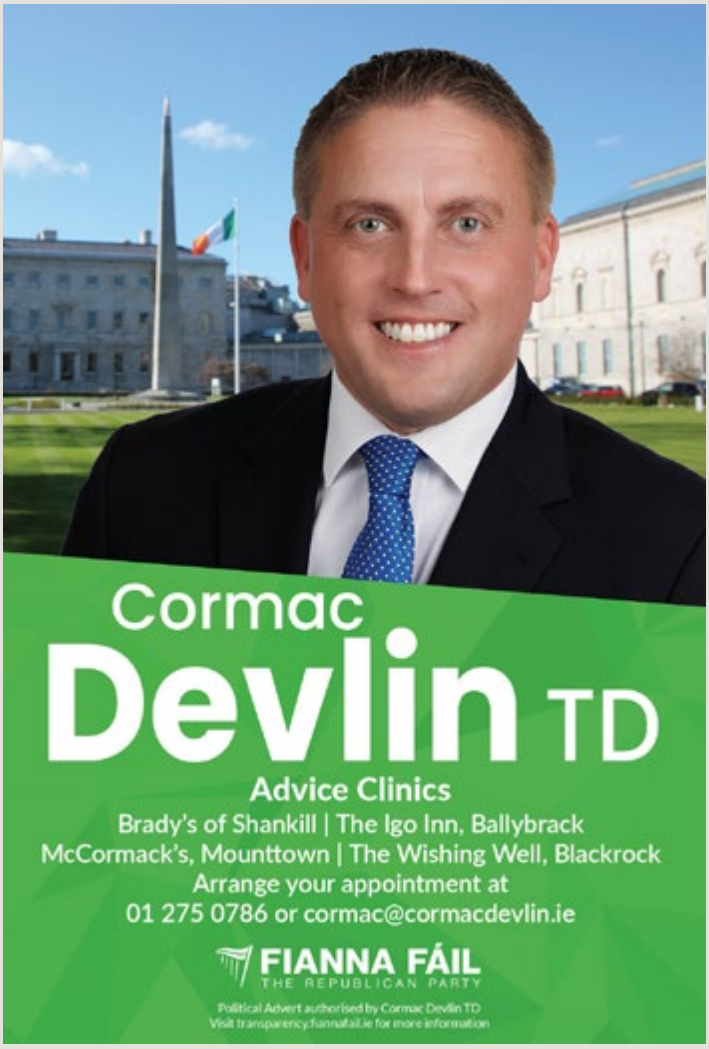
I will continue engaging with ministers ahead of Budget 2027 to ensure it supports hard-pressed households and businesses. Please get in touch if you've any suggestions.

◆ NEW GARDAÍ DEPLOYED

Almost 50 new Gardaí have been deployed to Dún Laoghaire Rathdown over the past year. This is very welcome and it has allowed for increased high-visibility policing in communities and more targeted operations. Gardaí have been carrying out operations targeting the illegal use of high-powered e-bikes and suspected drug-related criminal activity. One such operation in Killiney/ Shankill resulted in the seizure of €3,000 in cash, drug paraphernalia, a quantity of suspected cannabis and a motorcycle valued at approximately €6,000, and a file is being prepared for the Director of Public Prosecutions.

◆ MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS RETURNS THIS OCTOBER

Music in the Mountains, the Dublin Mountains Music & Arts Festival, returns for its third year from 9th – 11th October, and promises to be the biggest yet. Three days, eight mountain venues, one unforgettable weekend of music, arts and culture: The Step Inn, Johnnie Fox's, The Golden Ball, The Gap, The Sandyford House, The Blue Light, The Merry Ploughboy and Taylors Three Rock. Each venue hosts its own programme, with Féile Nasc curating at The Merry Ploughboy and Taylors Three Rock. After a hugely successful 2025, which featured Mundy, Lisa Lambe and Liam Ó Maonlaí, this year's line-up brings ticketed headline concerts alongside free events, spanning folk, traditional and electronic music. Expect Pop-Up Gaeltachtaí, spoken word, comedy, family-friendly events and children's music sessions too. Tickets go on sale Monday, 21st September, and many events sell out quickly. Full programme details to follow on Facebook and Instagram. Feicfidh muid sibh sna sléibhte!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◆ €1.5 MILLION WATER NETWORK UPGRADE IN SHANKILL

Work has begun on a €1.5 million Uisce Éireann upgrade of the water network in the Shanganagh area of Shankill.
The project involves installing 220 metres of pipe beneath the M11 using tunnelling techniques to minimise disruption at road level. Works are taking place at the end of Allies River Road, east and west of the motorway, with local traffic management measures in place for short periods.

The upgrade will improve the resilience of the network for existing homes and businesses. GMC Utilities is delivering the works, which are due for completion by the end of 2026.

◆ KEEPING IN TOUCH

My monthly Advice Clinic takes place in **Brady's of Shankill** on the last Saturday of each month, excluding Bank Holidays.

To make an appointment, please contact **Michael Reynolds** in my office on 01 275 0786 or email *cormac@cormacdevlin.ie*

POETRY CORNER

AN ATTEMPT AT UNRHYMED VERSE
by Wendy Cope

People tell you all the time,
Poems do not have to rhyme.
It's often better that they don't
And I'm determined this one won't.
Oh dear.

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I am delighted to be able to present this monthly report as part of the SCAN newsletter. As your Fine Gael TD, I am working hard along with my colleagues in Shankill – and in Government – to deliver results for you.

◆ PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS

Since being elected as a TD in November 2024, I have submitted the highest number of Parliamentary Questions out of all the TDs in Dublin which was also the second highest amount in Dáil Éireann.

Parliamentary Questions are available to TDs to seek clarity from any Government Minister on any issue impacting their constituency, work and plans at a national level or any other query related to the work of the Minister's Department.

The vast majority of the questions that I raise are on behalf of constituents that are seeking support or clarity on local or national issues and if you have anything that you would like me to raise, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

◆ IRELAND'S EU PRESIDENCY

Ireland is currently hosting the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. We have spent many months preparing for over 270 official meetings, thousands of visitors to our shores, and key decisions to be made on the EU budget. Until December 2026, Ireland will be at the centre of EU decision making, steering complex negotiations that shape laws and policy for over 450 million people.

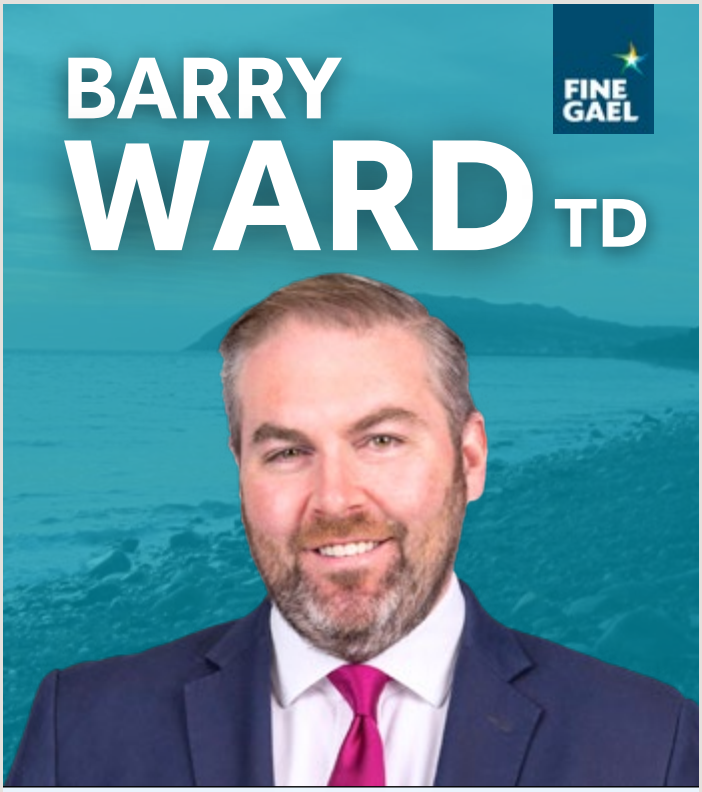
COSAC Chairs Meeting 12/07/2026

As Chair of the Oireachtas Committee on EU Affairs, I will be chairing a number of EU-level meetings, including COSAC – the Conference of Parliamentary Committees for Union Affairs. You can keep up to date on meetings, events and all the latest Presidency-related news at ireland2026.eu, and if you believe there are any specific issues that should be prioritised, I would be more than happy to discuss this directly.

◆ WOODBROOK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

I was delighted to attend the Woodbrook Residents Association meeting on Saturday, 18 July and meet with residents to discuss local issues that are impacting them directly.
The primary issues on the agenda were:

- The proposed housing development at Woodbrook DART Gateway
- Public transport reliability
- Parking issues



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- Access to childcare & school places
- Antisocial behaviour
- Community facilities
- Pressure on public resources due to the increase in population

Since this meeting, I have spoken with officials from Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, An Garda Síochána and local councillors for the area to discuss these issues. I will offer any support I can to residents, and I will continue to engage with the Residents Association and other community groups to address these concerns.

◆ GET IN TOUCH WITH ME

My office is always available to assist you with any local or national issue. Please get in touch by phone at 085 157 8000 *(feel free to drop us a WhatsApp message)*, or email *barry.ward@oireachtas.ie*.

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◆ WATER LEAK – GRASS VERGE – CORBAWN LANE

After receiving representations regarding the water leak on the grass verge on Corbawn Lane between Dorney Court Roundabout and Shanganagh Road Roundabout, I contacted Uisce Eireann and the Council. I received the following e-mails from the Water Services Team in the Council.

"Thank you for contacting Water Services. A Surface Water Inspector has attended the site and has been in communication with the Uisce Eireann inspector looking into the issue who now believes it may be a water leak after all. Uisce Eireann are going to carry out further checks on the water supply network. Our DLR Inspector will continue to liaise directly with the UE inspector and if the issue is found to instead lie with the Council's surface water network we will address the issue accordingly. When we have further information we will provide an update."

And *"Uisce Eireann has repaired the damaged watermain and resolved the issue."*

◆ QUINN'S ROAD – ROAD SURFACE

I received representation from concerned residents regarding the condition of the surface of Quinn's Road. I received the following reply from the Road Maintenance Section of dlr:

"Thanks for sending in your request regarding the surface of Quinn's Road, Shankill. The area engineer has indicated that due to ongoing building works along Quinn's Road resurfacing is best left until these works are completed as further damage will likely occur to a new road surface. Similarly, there are likely service connections that will be needed for the new development. This road will be monitored and considered for inclusion in a future works programme once construction has been completed."

◆ ROAD MARKINGS - CLIFTON PARK/RIVER LANE

Question: To ask the Chief Executive to provide an update on the examining of the road markings within Clifton Park/River Lane now the new development at Coolevally within the cul de sac of Clifton Park is open as per reply to question (Road Marking - Clifton Park and River Lane, Shankill) 2.06 submitted on 26th January 2026?

Reply: The new Coolevally apartment complex was officially opened on 10 June 2026. Responsibility for areas within the development remains with the developer/contractor.

The Traffic and Road Safety Section will examine road markings on Clifton Park and River Lane, excluding the development area, and will carry out any necessary works within the Council's remit.

◆ RAILINGS - GREEN AREA AT SHANGANAGH CLIFFS, SHANKILL

Question: To ask the Chief Executive if there are plans to restrict access south of the entrance with boulders along the railings at Shanganagh Cliffs Green Area, so the Battery and surrounding area is no longer accessible?

Reply: There are no current plans to use boulders along the railings to prevent access to the Battery or surrounding area. However, the Council has recently reviewed fencing along the coastal edge within the Parks Section's remit at Shanganagh Park/Shanganagh Cliffs. Sections of fencing that had fallen due to coastal erosion have been removed and new fencing has been installed where required, having regard to public safety and ongoing coastal erosion risks.

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The Battery is a sensitive historic structure, and the Council will continue to monitor access, fencing and safety issues at this location. The Heritage Officer, in conjunction with the National Monuments Service, is also progressing a project to preserve the Battery by record. Any further measures considered in the area will have regard to public safety, protection of the historic structure, coastal erosion issues, and the continued use of the adjoining open space.

◆ PARKING - COOLEVALLY ESTATE, SHANKILL

Question: To ask that the Chief Executive prepare and circulate a report on the parking provision, allocation and access at Coolevally Estate, Shankill to include the rationale for the current ratio of spaces to homes, the allocation policy and the provision of accessible spaces and visitor parking.

Reply: The Coolevally Estate in Shankill is owned by Tuath Housing, an approved housing body. There are 123 car spaces for the 198 units (including 6 Disabled parking spaces & 12 EV spaces).

There are 63 spaces allocated to the 104 cost rental units and 60 spaces allocated to the 94 social units and there is no charge for parking. Tuath have advised that they have allocated the spaces in the fairest way possible. Parking in Coolevally is allocated by Tuath using an application system. Each application is scored against a set of needs-based criteria and those with the highest scores are offered Parking.

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SAGE

by Patrick Davey

SAGE was founded in 2015 in response to the publication of Laudato SI. which was the call by Pope Francis to care for Creation and recognise the damage we were doing to the natural environment in all its variations. And also to recognise that we too are part of creation and as such we depend for our well being and indeed existence on the wellbeing of Creation, including the environment, as a whole. Although centred on St. Anne's Parish, Rathmichael and Crinken parishes were part of the original foundation but have not been active recently.

The second theme for SAGE is Justice and Peace, which are both intimately connected to climate change because as places become uninhabitable due to drought, storms and so on, leading to crop failure and starvation people have no option but to move. Internal displacement, normally to cities, leads to social unrest because there are insufficient jobs for the new arrivals and because there is no social support available.. People do not leave their home and community by choice and at the beginning SAGE had two aims, first to assist Shankill to reduce its fossil fuel usage and second to inform the community about the reality of climate change, causes, consequences and what we can do about it, with a focus on justice.

Over the last ten years SAGE has facilitated the replacement and upgrade of the heating system in St. Anne's Church. We also facilitated the retrofit of the Resource Centre in the grounds of the church. These works have resulted in a big drop in carbon emissions and significant savings due to lower fuel use.

Following the lead of the Bishops Conference when they asked all parishes to rewild 30% of parish grounds by 2030 [the 30 X 30 plan], St. Anne's Parish planted various biodiversity borders, which many enjoy as they walk through the ground. Also large sections of the grass areas are not mowed from May until the end of August to facilitate biodiversity and the re-establishment of native grassland, meadow flowers and we hope orchids. This work by SAGE has been recognised with the Gold award from Eco-Congregations and the European-wide Roman Juriga Award. We have also acted as judges for Eco-Congregations.

Currently SAGE is part of a group trying to find a way to establish a replacement for Shankill Community Association which ceased activity many years ago. With a large increase in population in Shankill, such an organisation becomes ever more necessary if we are to retain the wonderful ambience of Shankill into the future.

I hope that you have been able to take advantage of the recent weather although gardens and other outdoor spaces are most certainly not enjoying the drought. It leaves our wild places extremely vulnerable to fire and other hazards. Except for 60mm of rain over a few days in June we have had virtually no rain since March. So with an eye on the shocking pictures and stories from the rest of Europe where summer temperatures are rising at twice the world average and from elsewhere around the globe, it is fully clear that we are entering a new era and that the climate is becoming much less benign with the tendency to swing from extreme to extreme with all the attendant cost to infrastructure and business.

Unfortunately our Government does not seem to have learned that lesson yet. It has suspended sections of the Climate Act which mandates that climate change and the environmental concerns must be taken into account when assessing the viability of all infrastructure and other developments. They seem to think that if you ignore it, it will go away, of course it won't, although the terminal consequences may take time to really kick in. In the not too distant future, the sea will be 0.75 of a metre higher than it is at present, possibly more. To keep it local, this is not good news for Bayview, Shanganagh Cliffs and Corbawn.

According to Professor Hannah Daly, Professor of Sustainable Energy in Cork University: 'Inaction is the expensive option.'The Climate Change Advisory Council in its latest Annual Reviews showed that 'we' are not meeting any of the targets, such as retrofitting, numbers of heat pumps installed or the industrial, transport and agricultural decreases that are specified in either domestic or EU law. (Irish Times 29/7/26) Also, the increase in Carbon Tax which is used to fund much of the work to prevent and repair climate change damage, may well be postponed again.

In the energy sector, Data Centres are using up renewable energy supplies as they become available. So the cost of excess greenhouse gas emissions will be carried forward into the government's 2nd carbon budget (2026-2030). Perhaps we should not be surprised because it has been clear for many years that our Governments find it extremely difficult to make and stick to long term plans and commitments. Climate change, above all else, should be removed from party politics so that the secure long-term policy needed for our survival can be established without fear of short term 'reprisals'.

PLANNING NOTICES *compiled by Cllr. Jim Gildea*

We are aware that some of the notices about planning applications and decisions are out of date by the time you receive your SCAN but we believe our readers would like to know what is going on in their area. We would like to remind you to keep a look out for new planning notices and, if you need further information, go to the Planning Office in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Hall, Marine Road and request to see the plans.

D26A/0008/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 09/01/2026 Add. Info. Rec'd (New Adds) 11/06/2026
Amirite Limited, Site of Barn Close, Barn Close Lodge, Beechlands and Shanganagh Castle.
The application site is bound by Shanganagh Road to the east, Florenceville (a protected structure) and Mill Lane to the north, and Broomfield Court and Seaview Lawn/Park residential areas to the west. The site contains Shanganagh Castle (a recorded archaeological monument - RMP Ref.: 026-031001), Beechlands House and Barn Close (both protected structures, RPS Ref.: No. 1784 and 1785 respectively).
Proposed development consists of: Demolition of the bungalow (Barn Close Lodge) and existing outbuildings and structures. Refurbishment of Beechlands House and Barn Close as 2 no. 5 bed dwellings. Provision of 68 residential units, comprising: 29 X 2 storey 3 bed houses to be provided in a mix of terraces, semi-detached and detached houses; 8 X duplex units comprising 4 no. 2 bed units and 4 no. 3 bed units in a terrace of 4 X 3 storey duplexes, each comprising 1 X 2 bed at ground level and 1 X3 bed at upper levels; First-storey outdoor terraces are provided on the southern elevation of the duplexes; 31 X apartments comprising 9 no. 1 bed apartments and 22 no. 2 bed apartments, within a part 3 and part 4 storey apartment block. Balconies are provided for all apartments on the eastern, western and south-western elevations. Retention and structural works to Shanganagh Castle and incorporation into a landscaped area which is publicly accessible. Vehicular and pedestrian access via an upgrade of the existing entrance from Shanganagh Road. The proposal includes alterations and improvements to Shanganagh Road, including provision of footpath and new pedestrian crossing to the south. A road reservation is provided for on the south eastern portion of the site to cater for the Six Year Road Objective to upgrade Shanganagh Road. The development also includes 73X car parking spaces (59 at surface level and 14 at ground level within the apartment building), 101 cycle parking spaces (26 at surface level and 31 at ground level within the apartment building and 44 spaces in free-standing secure enclosures). Infrastructural works include foul and surface water drainage, landscaping, provision of public and communal open space, boundary treatment, lighting, landscaping, bin stores and PV panels at roof level and all associated site works.

D26A/0437/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 11/06/2026
D26A/0437/WEB Request Additional Information Date: 04/08/2026
The Trustees & Select Vestry of St James' Church, Crinken Church (St James' Church), (A Protected Structure), Cork Little, Shankill, Bray, A98 VX58
A terrace of three, two-story, three-bed houses with south-facing balconies with associated siteworks – including demolition of garden shed – all accessed from within the church grounds.

D26B/0347/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 13/06/2026
Gabriela Pilegi Ibata & Guilherme Porto, 3, Cluain Na Greine Court, Shankill, D18DX20
The development will consist of an attic conversion including a rear dormer roof extension, 3 No. rooflights to the front elevation, new internal access stairs and all associated site works.

D26A/0478/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 25/06/2026
Aoifa McCambridge and Arnaud Billon, Stonehaven, Lower Road, Shankill, D18C2R0
Provision of 1) 1 X off street parking to the front 2) 2 X single storey flat roof extensions to the rear 3) Replacement of existing flat roofs with new raised flat roof

D26A/0497/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 01/07/2026
Winterbrook Homes (The Poplars) Ltd, The Poplars, Quinn's Road, Shankill, D18P6P0
Permission for a development, on a 4,300 m² site comprises amendments to the existing granted planning permission, D25A/0542/WEB and D25A/0004/WEB. The proposed amendments include 1.) removing the balustrades from the front, rear and side facades of the buildings on the first and second floors of both residential blocks. 2.) an increase to the number of bicycle parking spaces from 39 to 48 and to relocate several bicycle parking spaces to the rear of the townhouse, Block A, to allow for tree planting on the street front. 3.) the addition of a sidelight to the front door of Block A and minor changes to the internal front boundary walls of Blocks A & B.

D26B/0368/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 25/06/2026
D26B/0368/WEB Declare Invalid (Site Notice) Date: 20/07/2026
Paul Loughrey, Auburn, 18 Holly Park, Shankill, D18DH51
Permission for attic conversion with dormer to rear roof to accommodate stairs to allow access to attic conversion as non habitable storage space with gable window to side and roof windows to front all with associated ancillary works.

D26B/0144/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 13/03/2026 Add. Info. Rec'd 02/07/2026
Luke & Clodagh Beare, 11, Corbawn Drive, Shankill, D18DC03
Development consisting of: (1) Conversion of existing garage.(2) Provision of a new rear extension to the ground floor.(3) Provision of a new rear and side extension to the first floor.(4) Provision of a new front porch extension with balcony over.(5) Provision of a new roof light.

D26B/0378 Seeking Permission Date: 30/06/2026
Michael O'Donovan, 9, Rathmichael Road (Journeys End), Shankill, Dublin 18
Permission for the removal of two no roof lights to existing attic floor level to side of existing two-storey semi-detached dwelling. Construction of two new dormer style window structures into existing attic bedrooms to match the existing dormer windows style structures, provide new roof light into existing ensuite to existing attic floor level and associated site works

D26A/0531/WEB Seeking Permission Date: 14/07/2026
Land Development Agency, Morrison House, Castle Road, Shanganagh Castle, Dublin 18
The change of use from a gymnasium to community use. The development will also include internal minor modifications, comprising the provision of internal partition walls to accommodate a kitchen/tearoom, front lobby, and training room area. No external changes are proposed

PLANNING DECISIONS

D26B/0264/WEB Refuse Permission Date: 22/06/2026
Florin Strimbu, Florence Villa, Commons Road, D18HH1F
Retention permission is sought for the construction of an ancillary single-storey office/storage structure (c.34.65sq.m) with associated rooflight located to the rear of Florence Villa. Permission is sought for the provision of temporary flood gates and all ancillary site works, inclusive of landscaping, and engineering works necessary to facilitate the development.

D26B/0292/WEB Grant Permission Date: 08/07/2026
Geraldine Jones, 24, Library Road, Shankill, D18HW53
The development will consist of: (a) the construction of a single-storey extension to the rear of the existing house; (b) alterations to the existing flat roof structure to the rear; (c) replacement of the

front door with a window; (d) associated site works including hard and soft landscaping; (e) modifications to the existing drainage on site.

D26B/0294/WEB Grant Permission Date: 06/07/2026
Vinson Lahayil and Solly Vinson, 91 Castle Farm, Shankill, D18E795
Conversion of attic space comprising modification of existing roof structure, raising of existing gable c/w window, new access stairs, 2 roof windows to the front and flat roof dormer to the rear.

D26A/0390/WEB Refuse Permission Date: 15/07/2026
Forgebell Limited, Clontra House, Quinn's Road, Shankill, Dublin 18 (A Protected Structure)
(i) Provision of 6 enclosed padel courts with ancillary structures for male & female changing, toilets, & storage; (ii) 20 car parking spaces (incl. accessible spaces) & 14 cycle parking spaces accessed via a new entrance onto the driveway to Cluain House; (iii) All associated works, including footpaths, boundary treatments, gates, seating area, landscaping, drainage, fencing, & lighting necessary to facilitate the development. Clontra House is a protected structure (RPS Reference 1811).

D26A/0404/WEB Request Additional Information Date: 20/07/2026
JSET Properties CLG, John Scottus Educational Trust, Old Conna House, Ferndale Road, A98FN12
Proposed construction of a sports hall building (a sprung structure of approx. 790sq.m) with changing room and ancillary facilities, stepped/ramped access from existing car park to hard surfaced area together with services/emergency access track, and all associated site development works including a new wastewater treatment system.

D26B/0144/WEB Grant Permission Date: 27/07/2026
Luke & Clodagh Beare, 11, Corbawn Drive, Shankill, D18DC03
The development consists of: (1) Conversion of existing garage.(2) Provision of a new rear extension to the ground floor.(3) Provision of a new rear and side extension to the first floor.(4) Provision of a new front porch extension with balcony over.(5) Provision of a new roof light.

D26B/0347/WEB Grant Permission Date: 31/07/2026
Gabriela Pilegi Ibata & Guilherme Porto, 3, Cluain Na Greine Court, Shankill, D18DX20
The development of an attic conversion including a rear dormer roof extension, 3 roof lights to the front elevation, new internal access stairs and all associated site works.

APPEALS NOTIFIED BY AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA

D26A/0237/WEB 1st Party Appeal against Refusal of Permission Date Lodged: 15/06/2026
Miguel Fitzgerald & Natacha Fitzgerald-Soto, 6A Old Rathmichael, Shankill, Dublin 18
Construction of a detached (dormer) 3 bed dwelling (approx 208m2 gross internal area) including driveway, car parking space for 2 cars, new service & drainage connections, together with a wastewater treatment system & soil polishing filter, new gate, piers & pedestrian gate to existing entrance, and associated site development works, on site comprising 0.315 hectares (approx 3150m2)
Council Decision: Refuse permission

D26B/0264/WEB 1st Party Appeal against Refusal of Permission Date Lodged: 20/07/2026
Florin Strimbu, Florence Villa, Commons Road, Co. D18HH1F
Retention permission is sought for the construction of an ancillary single-storey office/storage structure (c.34.65sq.m) with associated roof light located to the rear of Florence Villa. Planning Permission is sought for the provision of temporary flood gates and all ancillary site works, inclusive of landscaping, and engineering works necessary to facilitate the development.
Council Decision: Refuse permission

APPEALS DECISION BY AN COIMISIÚN PLEANÁLA

D25A/0533/WEB Appeal Decision: Attach Condition(s) Date: 01/07/2026
Council Decision: Grant permission
Auro Naes Ltd T/A Roesavin Construction Ltd, Shanganagh Cottage, Dublin Rd, Shankill, D18E0W9
Permission for the demolition of an existing house and garage and the erection of three detached buildings containing a total of ten houses. Eight of these dwellings will be contained within two three-storey buildings, each accommodating four terraced dwellings providing between two and three bedrooms, as well as kitchen / bathroom / dining / living and storage space and with a third building containing a pair of semi-detached two storey houses providing two bedrooms and kitchen / bathroom / dining / living accommodation. The development includes the closure of an existing vehicular entrance to the site and the creation of separate access and egress points linked by an internal one-way driveway, the provision of communal open areas for outdoor recreational purposes, along with individual gardens (containing external structures for storage / cycles), as well as eight car parking bays and one disabled driver parking space, as well as communal cycle parking facilities (for a total of ten bicycles) and one cargo bicycle space. The application includes connections to the public mains water supply and sewerage systems, along with all site works including landscaping, a rainwater harvesting system and the creation of a pedestrian gateway between the site and an area of public open space behind this land.

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